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Homecoming to Feature PE Center Dedication on Oct. 25

Get set for a full day at Homecoming on October 25.

Dedication of the new Ross E. Templeton Physical Education Center has been added to the regular schedule which includes class reunions, barbecue, awards presentations and a football battle against Wofford.

One of the largest crowds yet to return for Homecoming festivities is expected for this 1975 occasion. It will begin with 10 a.m. registration and the fall meeting of the alumni board of directors.

Class reunions, starting at 10:30 a.m., will bring together the classes of 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1924, 1925, 1929, 1930, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1950, 1951, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1964, 1965, 1969, 1970, 1974.

The location for the outdoor barbecue has been moved from the area adjacent to Belk Auditorium (where it has been held in past years) to the east plaza under oaks adjacent to Templeton PE Center. This will permit the crowd to move conveniently from the barbecue tables into the new building for the annual Alumni Association program and the dedication.

After the 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. barbecue, the formal program will be held in the basketball playing area of the new PE Center, starting at 1 p.m. Alumni President Hugh S. Jacobs '41 will preside over the Association part to include installation of new alumni officers and the presentation of 1975 alumni awards.

In dedicating the new physical education center to Ross Templeton, Presbyterian College honors an outstanding alumnus and retired business leader who has served the College in many capacities. A member of the Class of 1924, he achieved unusual success as Carolinas division manager and assistant vice-president with Fields Educational Enterprises. He is a member of

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Annual Giving at $120,095

Tremendous participation by alumni, parents and friends has the 1975 Annual Giving still on its record pace, with $120,095 contributed by mid-September toward the $250,000 goal.

Alumni gifts totaling $71,595 lead the way. Other major groups are: PC Associates (faculty and board members) — $22,450; Friends — $17,800; and Parents—$8,250.

Alumni Honors for Sloan, Hicklin, Ogden

The alumni awards spotlight for 1975 will focus on A. F. (Pete) Sloan '55 of Charlotte, Harry E. Hicklin, Jr., '48 of Rock Hill and Dr. William S. (Billy) Ogden '61 of Danville, Va., during the Alumni Association program at Homecoming.

Pete Sloan will receive the Alumni Gold P Award "in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in his chosen profession which reflect honor upon this college." He is president of Lance, Inc., one of the largest food-product companies of its kind in the nation. He also is a leader in civic and religious activities of his community.

Harry Hicklin has been named for the Alumni Service Award "in recognition of outstanding meritorious service rendered Presbyterian College and the Alumni Association." His service over the years has ranged from the presidency of the Alumni Association to fund-raising to student recruitment. He is, in all endeavors, an ambassador of goodwill for PC.

Billy Ogden is the fourth recipient of the more recently established Outstanding Young Alumnus Award. It cites an alumnus under 36 "for his early competence in his chosen field of endeavor and his exceptional promise of future achievement." Ogden is now associated with the Danville Orthopedic Clinic in the practice of orthopedic surgery. He was the top-honor graduate at the University of Georgia Medical School and received two fellowships to specialize at Duke University Medical School.

Brothers Irwin Belk (left) and Tom Belk visited the campus for the special ceremonies dedicating this resident hall in memory of their mother.

Belk Hall Opens Doors

PC dedicates its third women's dormitory, an air-conditioned $1 million facility housing 126, in memory of Mary Irwin Belk.

Mary Irwin Belk Hall has joined William Henry Belk Auditorium on the Presbyterian College campus.

In dedication ceremonies combined with the opening convocation on August 26, PC named its new women's dormitory in memory of the outstanding Charlotte church and civic leader whose late husband founded the Belk mercantile organization. He is memorialized by the auditorium in which the dedication-convocaton was held.

Dr. Dean W. Colvard, chancellor of the Unversity of North Carolina at Charlotte and a friend of the Belk family, delivered the convocation address before the first student assembly of the 1975-76 session.

Irwin Belk, executive vice-president of Belk Stores Services, made the formal presentation of Belk Hall. He spoke in behalf of the family members and business associates who joined in helping to underwrite its $1 million cost as an endorsement of Presbyterian College evcellence. His brother, Tom Belk, also was present for the occasion honoring their mother.

President Marc C. Weersing respondel in appreciation for the far-ranging philanthropies of the Belks which have strengthened Christian higher education and the Presbyterian Church generally as well as PC in particular. He also praised the service of late trustee Henry Belk Matthews of Macon, Ga., for whom the main parlor is named.

Women

Presentation by Irwin Belk

Address by Dean Colvard

Girls obviously enjoy their new dorm, while stretching this room (far left) beyond its two-woman capacity. Each two-room suite has connecting bath.

Seated at left in the spacious main parlor named for late trustee Henry B. Matthews are (l to r) son Henry, Mrs. Matthews, son William and wife.

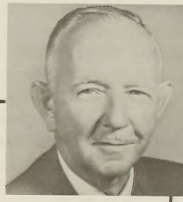
Mary Irwin Belk

Mrs. Mary Irwin Belk (1882-1968) visited Presbyterian College in 1960 for the dedication of William Henry Belk Auditorium in memory of her husband, often called "the merchant prince of the South." She shared her husband's enthusiasm for the Presbyterian Church, her community and Christian education. Together, they reared a family of five sons and one daughter devoted to their high principles of service and enlightened free enterprise: William H. Belk, Jr., John M. Belk, Irwin Belk, Henderson Belk, Thomas M. Belk and Mrs. Sarah Belk Gambrell.

Mrs. Belk was a president and life member of the women-of-the-church of Charlotte's Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church, a Queens College trustee and recipient of its Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award as an alumna. She also supported numerous historical societies—an interest stimulated by ancestral ties reaching back to the colonial days of this country. Her special concern for education was rooted in her early experiences as a teacher in the elementary grades of the Charlotte public schools prior to her marriage.

The plaque in new Belk Hall bears this inscription:

This resident hall honors
the memory of Mary Irwin Belk, a loving and gentle
spirit devoted to her family, her church, her
community and to Christian higher education.
Gracious wife of William Henry Belk,
constant mother faithful to her Christian trust.



Henry Belk Matthews Parlor

The main parlor in Belk Hall is named in memory of Henry Belk Matthews of Macon, Ga. He was executive vice-president of the Belk-Matthews Company, head of the Belk enterprise in the central-Georgia area and a member of the board of directors of the national organization. He also was an active elder of the First Presbyterian Church and a leader in the civic life of Macon.

Born in Matthews, N. C., in 1904, he was graduated from Davidson College and married the former Evelyn McArver. Both of their sons, Henry B. Matthews, Jr., and William M. Matthews, attended Presbyterian College. He died in 1971.

Presbyterian College remembers Henry Matthews with special affection as an energetic trustee of 12 years' service and a constant friend whose counsel and support greatly strengthened this institution. The plaque within the parlor reads:

Dedicated to a Christian business leader, friend and
benefactor of Presbyterian College, who served as
an effective member of the Board of Trustees 1959-71.

850 Enrolled for 1975-76

Freshman Class Up 15%

Paced by a 15 percent increase over last year in entering freshmen, PC enrolled 850 students for the fall semester of the 1975-76 session which opened on August 22.

The student body of 500 men and 350 women includes 254 first-year students. These figures compare to 221 freshmen and a student total of 842 last year.

Admissions office statistics for this year's freshman class indicate more applications initiated, with 72 percent of these being accepted and 60 percent of that group enrolling here. The academic quality of the new class has been maintained at the same level as last year.

New faces also appear among the faculty and staff members. Appointments made since the announcements carried in the last issue of **The Presbyterian College Report** are:

Biology Department—Assistant Professor Robert G. Hudson, completing work on his PhD at North Carolina State University, a BS degree-holder from Campbell College who taught there for three years, has been both teaching and research assistant at NC State while earning his MS and working on his doctorate.

Instructor Randal T. Vaughn, PhD candidate at the University of Alberta (Canada), who received both his BS (with Phi Beta Kappa honors) and MA from Wake Forest University, a one-year replacement for Associate Professor Jane Holt during her leave-of-absence.

Psychology Department — Assistant Professor Dr. James S. Strang, a clinical psychologist with the University of Alabama School of Medicine for the past two years, who earned his BS from Lamar State College, MA from Austin State College, both MA and PhD from the University of Alabama, and taught for ten years in Texas public schools.

Fine Arts Department (two part-time instructors)—Miss Suzanne Heifner, with primary responsibility as a piano teacher in the pre-college music program, holder of BM degree from Oklahoma Baptist University and MA from Southern Illinois University, and experience as a St. Louis public school teacher and as a church organist.

Mrs. Pamela Opliger, an exhibiting artist who taught painting and printmaking at the Greenville County Museum School of Art (1972-74), holds BA degrees from Agnes Scott College and Webster College and MS from Emory University, and is the wife of PC Assistant Professor Dr. Clyde Opliger.

Military Department—Maj. James H. Strickland, an officer in armor who earned his BS from the University of Nebraska; Capt. John M. Geer, Jr., transportation corps officer who holds the BA degree from Trinity University; both assistant professors. Sgt. Maj. Loyd J. Cain, detachment sergeant major.

In addition, Mrs. Madelyn Adair Dula, a member of the class of 1935, has been added to the staff as resident counselor in new Belk Hall for women.

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the PC board of trustees, president of the Walter Johnson Club, and the recipient of the Alumni Gold P, Alumni Service Award and an honorary doctor of humanities degree. Also, Templeton is a leading fund-raiser for and contributor to various aspects of the College program.

The new $1.2 million physical education center was completed during the summer and began functioning at the start of the fall semester. It features a basketball playing area with seating for more than 2,000 in a combination of chair seats and bleachers, and with the capacity to expand to two courts for intramural play.

Two large multi-purpose rooms and two classrooms enhance the men's and women's physical education programs. There are team dressing and training rooms and conference areas for intercollegiate sports, as well as offices for the athletic and physical education staffs.

Special Days This Fall

PC will play host to thousands of persons scheduled to visit the campus this fall. Make your plans now.

Oct. 10-11	Board of Visitors (PC vs Furman)
Oct. 18	Parents Day (PC vs Elon)
Oct. 25	Homecoming (PC vs Wofford)
Nov. 10-11	Board of Trustees
Nov. 15	Youth Day (PC vs Carson-Newman)

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